(b) whether the Central Government have given any directions to the State Government to control the situation ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) There were law and order incidents in Srinagar and some other parts of Jammu & Kashmir from 14th August, 1988 onwards. Maintenance of law and order is a State subject and the question of issuing any directions by the Central Government in this regard does not arise. However, at the request of the State Government additional para-military forces were made available to the State Government for deployment.

Training in Fire Arms for Income Tax Officers

*418. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI KAPIL VERMA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Direct Taxes has decided to give training to Income-tax Officers in the use of fire-arms; if so, what are the details of the scheme;

(b) whether the approval of the Home Ministry has been obtained to enable the Income-tax officials to carry fire-arms as part of their duty ; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) to (c) A recommendation to this effect was made by the Conference of Commissioners of Income-tax held in June, 1987 and the proposal is under consideration of Government.

Effect of construction of a dam near Pooyamkutty river on forests and environment

*419. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 13th July, 1988 to the effect that the proposed Dam near Pooyamkutty river in Kerala is designed to destroy some of the finest breeding grounds of Asian elephants; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps are being taken to save the forests and environment ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This proposal is yet to be processed for clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as the necessary information including the preventive and mitigative measures for protection of wildlife has not so far been received from the project authorities.

Ploughing back of profits for modernisation and expansion of jute mills

*420. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMY :
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any information as to how many jute mills are ploughing back their profits into the industry for modernisation and expansion; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) Most of the jute mills are carrying accumulated losses. In 10 out of the 11 cases sanctioned loan under the Jute Modernisation Fund Scheme by Financial Institutions the promoters' contribution for financing the cost of modernisation is proposed

to be arranged by way of outside funds. In the case of one mill profits of the company's other divisions are proposed to be ploughed back for meeting the promoters' contribution for the scheme. However, according to the cash flows submitted by all the 11 mill companies the future profit would be ploughed back for meeting the term loan liabilities, normal capital expenditure as also augmenting of the working capital base.

Effects of fencing along Indo-Pak border

3758. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of families likely to be affected due to fencing along Indo-Pak border ; and

(b) the steps being taken for their rehabilitation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The present project for fencing along some stretches of Indo-Pak border in Punjab does not involve displacement of families.

(b) Does not arise.

SCICI help for Fishing Industry

3759. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the SCICI shows great consideration to the shipping industry and is opposed to small people in fishing industry ;

(b) whether Government have considered moving the office of SCICI to Orissa in view of increasing development of Orissa marine resources ; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that entrepreneurs from Orissa do not have to frequently travel to distant areas to get their grievances of SCICI redressed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Shipping Credit & Investment Co. of India Limited has reported that it has always adopted a helpful and professional attitude towards both shipping companies and deep sea fishing companies. Till 10th August, 1988, SCICI has sanctioned financial assistance to 25 fishing companies for acquisition of 49 deep sea fishing vessels.

(b) There is no proposal for shifting of office of SCICI to Orissa.

(c) SCICI has reported that representatives of deep sea fishing companies are not required to visit SCICI's office at Bombay, except when because of incompleteness of details furnished by the fishing companies it becomes necessary to call the companies' representatives with a view to expediting the processing of their project proposals. Professional Managers of SCICI also visit the business place of such companies with a view to helping them in processing their proposals.

Allocation of funds for drug de-addiction

3760. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether young smokers become drug addicts later as per Delhi Police study reported in 'Statesman' of 3rd August, 1988;

(b) whether any well organised programme is in the offing to meet the situation ;

(c) whether funds collected from seizures of hard drugs are proposed to be passed on for drug de-addiction ; and

(d) what amount has been collected so far and how much was given to informers